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Downtown Saint Paul Gains 600 to 700 New Jobs *Conseco Finance Agrees to Expand Presence in St. Paul*

From Lawson Software and the new Science Museum to the Minnesota Wild Arena and Minnesota Mutual's expansion, downtown Saint Paul is experiencing an economic renaissance. The list of companies and organizations relocating or expanding their presence in downtown Saint Paul keeps growing. And thanks to a deal announced last week, it's time to add another name to the list.

Conseco Finance, formerly Greentree Financial Corporation, has agreed to expand its presence in the downtown business district by maintaining its current base of 1400 employees and moving into Saint Paul approximately 600-700 new jobs from surrounding areas.

Mayor Norm Coleman said the city has agreed to assist in developing cost-effective parking arrangements for the new employees. He also stressed there is no city subsidy to Conseco and the deal happened because both sides worked together to resolve obstacles.

"Conseco's commitment to stay in Saint Paul and bring more jobs to our city is another example of the strength and significance of downtown development. This is a great day for Saint Paul and one of many more to come," Mayor Norm Coleman said.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Saint Paul Housing Redevelopment Authority will make 953 parking spaces

available to Conseco employees for seven years. The City will use the Parking and Transit fund to finance the acquisition and improvements to a parking facility east of Broadway in downtown Saint Paul, which will add approximately 1000 new parking spaces to downtown. Employees from Conseco will be shuttled from the parking facility on a regular basis during the day.

It was widely reported that Conseco had several attractive offers to move to the suburbs and expand their operations.

"Downtown Saint Paul has been our home for many years, and we are excited that we will continue to be part of this great city for years to come," said Bruce Crittenden, president of Conseco Finance Group. "This is an exciting time for Saint Paul and we are very pleased to know we will have an even larger presence in the Capitol City."



Mayor Norm Coleman announces Conseco's decision to expand its operations in downtown Saint Paul. Joining the Mayor are Larry Dowell, president of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, and Brian Sweeney, director of Planning and Economic Development.

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

It's New Year's Resolution Time!

HealthPartners knows that New Year resolutions are easier to make than to keep! That's one reason they offer their Partners for Better Health Phone Line, 612.883.7800.

This free resource lets you talk with dietitians, nurses, and other health educators about setting realistic goals for yourself and developing an action plan. They can tell you about terrific classes that can help you stay focused and bolster your motivation. For example:



- ❑ **Weight Management: A Call to Change...Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Weight.** This phone- based program offers the convenience of ten 15-minute sessions between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Receive phone calls from nutrition and fitness experts who help you set realistic goals for managing your weight.
HP members: \$25 (nonmember price: \$130).
- ❑ **Weight Management: Balanced Ways.** This six-month, 12-session weight management program is available at various sites. Classes are ongoing, so you can join any time.
HP members: \$25 (nonmember price: \$95).
- ❑ **Stress Management: A Call to Change...Balancing Stress for Healthy Living.** This phone- based program offers eight, 15-minute phone sessions that you schedule between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Discover ways to manage stress by learning how to identify your personal stressors, developing personalized coping skills, and incorporating important lifestyle habits.
HP members: \$25 (nonmember price: \$105).
- ❑ **Smoking Cessation: A Call to Change...Partners in Quitting.** This personalized, seven-session phone course prepares you to quit smoking, then it helps you through the process of quitting by giving you the tools to stop for good.
HP members: \$25 (nonmember price: \$105).
- ❑ **Tobacco Cessation Support Groups.** HealthPartners' Como Clinic offers several programs to help members quit smoking (you need not be a Como Clinic member to attend). Call Como Clinic at 651.646.9411 for more information.

Additional Security Measures at Courthouse

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Department has developed operational plans for additional security measures throughout Ramsey County in preparation for the Year 2000 millennium.

These added security measures include a heightened law enforcement presence at the City/County Courthouse from Thursday, Dec. 30 through Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Entrance into the courthouse will be limited to Kellogg Boulevard and the ADC courthouse tunnel. The skyway and Fourth Street entrances will be restricted to emergency exits only.

These security plans are strictly precautionary and provide for future planning for security measures for high profile or sensitive court trials.

The Sheriff's Department is requesting City and County employees who utilize the courthouse to:

- Carry appropriate identification
- Minimize the amount of personal belongings being brought into the courthouse on these dates.
- Utilize the appropriate designated exit and entrances.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Jodi Ellwood at 266-8528 or jodi.ellwood@ci.stpaul.mn.us.



You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown City Seeks Way to Honor Charles Schulz, creator of "Peanuts"

He may have never won a football game, the heart of the little red-haired girl or flown a kite successfully but Charlie Brown, and the man who created him, may soon be honored by the City of Saint Paul.



Charles Schulz, the creator of the "Peanuts" gang recently announced he was retiring and would draw no new "Peanuts" comic strips. Just days after this announcement, many area residents began to suggest ways to honor one of Saint Paul's most famous sons.

Schulz grew up near Snelling and Selby Avenues in Saint Paul and was a 1940 graduate of Central High School. Schulz, who now lives in California, has been ill and was recently diagnosed with colon cancer.

Erich Mische, director of strategic initiatives for the Mayor's Office, said the City of Saint Paul does not know what it or its citizens will do to honor Schulz. More than 200 suggestions have poured into City Hall including:

- ☐ replacing the 50-foot tall lighted "1st" atop the First National Bank Building in downtown Saint Paul with a statue of Charles Schulz surrounded by Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy and other "Peanuts" cartoon characters;
- ☐ a permanent display of Schulz memorabilia;
- ☐ banners displaying "Peanuts" characters hanging from Kellogg Boulevard streetlights;
- ☐ a special Schulz postmark to use at the Saint Paul Post Office; and
- ☐ projecting silhouettes of the "Peanuts" characters with the Wabasha Street Bridge spotlights.



Mische said there is no deadline for a final plan at this time and the City is still looking for suggestions.

Schulz has drawn the "Peanuts" comic strip for almost 50 years. The "Peanuts" comic strip runs in more than 2,600 newspapers and reaches millions in 75 countries. The last new daily "Peanuts" strip will appear in subscribing newspapers Jan. 3, with the final Sunday strip published Feb. 13.



Y2K Update

In just one day, Saint Paul will ring in the Year 2000. For the past two years, we have been working to prepare for the Y2K bug. From the start, we wanted our efforts to benefit Saint Paul long after Jan. 1, 2000. And we are pleased to say we have met that goal.



We evaluated and tested our internal functions and services. We expanded our community partnerships with utility companies, volunteer organizations, businesses and other units of government. We enhanced our relationships with District Councils, block clubs and other neighborhood organizations.

This New Year's Eve, we expect Saint Paul to operate just like it does on any given winter day. While we don't expect there to be major problems as a result of Y2K, we are prepared to meet the challenges presented by the millennium bug and what could be the biggest party of the year.

Even if nothing happens on New Year's Eve and Jan. 1, 2000 is just another New Year's Day, our efforts will not be wasted. We have built a stronger, more prepared community – one that is able to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

*Have a safe and
happy new year!*

December 31 Trivia Question

Q: What Saint Paul musical landmark was demolished in 1987 to make way for a car dealership and a health club?

December 17 Trivia Question & Answer

Q: Who designed the Saint Paul Public Library and when was it completed?

A: Elects Litchfield; 1916

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City Update Needs Your Help!

If you have a story idea for City Update or know an employee who deserves special recognition, please contact Jodi Ellwood at 266-8528 or jodi.ellwood@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Job Openings as of December 31, 1999

Application Deadline	Job Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
01/10/2000	Building Maintenance Supervisor - Fire (prom)	\$2140.97	Quals
Open	Clerk-Typist II - Spanish/Bilingual Speaking	\$23,758.00 (ANNUAL)	TBN
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	Quals
Open	Community Liaison Officer	\$1010.68	Quals
Open	Conservatory Attendant	\$8.82 per hr	Quals
01/10/2000	Economic Development Specialist I (prom)	\$1190.91	01/20/2000
Open	Engineering Aide II	\$1084.28	TBN
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$8.43 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$7.75 per hr	See Job Ann
01/03/2000	Food Service Supervisor I (part-time)	\$10.93 per hr	01/06/2000
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1470.98	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst IV	\$1674.26	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1089.46	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1326.60	Quals
01/07/2000	LIEP Procedures Coordinator (prom)	\$1276.25	01/18/2000
Open	Library Clerk (part-time)	\$9.23 per hr	Quals
Open	Parking Enforcement Officer	\$872.37	Quals
01/10/2000	Personnel Specialist I	\$1268.56	01/13/2000
Open	Police Park Ranger	\$8.91 per hr	Quals
01/05/2000	Project Management Technician (prom)	\$1168.80	01/19/2000
01/11/2000	Research Analyst II	\$1457.79	01/14/2000
Open	Telecommunicator	\$1242.48	Quals
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN

****This is a walk-in examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.** Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources at 400 City Hall Annex to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501). For jobs announced after December 22, please call the 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.